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For: BIOABSORBABLE CASING FOR SURGICAL  
SLING ASSEMBLY

Examiner: S. G. Gilbert

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding non-Final Office Action, dated September 15, 2006, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request an extension of the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for three months under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Petition for a three-month extension of time is filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.